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## State Prisoners

### *Release of Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon.*

\* 1709 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether Messrs. K. Madhavan Nayar, M.L.C., and P. Appunni Menon, a member of the District Board of Malabar, undertook to stand as sureties for the good conduct of Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon, prisoner in the Madras Penitentiary, in case of his release; and

(b) what orders, if any, the Government have passed in the matter?

A.—(a) No. They offered to stand surety that Narayana Menon would not enter the rebel area in Malabar for a maximum period of three years without prejudice to his right to travel through that area in the train.

(b) Having regard to the terms of section 401 of the Criminal Procedure Code, the Government were not prepared to release M. P. Narayana Menon on the sureties offered.

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"The answer to clause (b) says, 'having regard to the terms of section 401, etc.' May I know what terms stand in the way?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"Under section 401, it is necessary to get the consent of the prisoner before release."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"May I know if the Government through its representative, the Law Member, made an offer in this House on the 4th November 1927, that irrespective of the consent or undertaking by Mr. M. P. Narayana Menon, if two friends of his came forward and gave an undertaking that he would not enter the rebellion area he would be released?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The hon. Member will find the statement of the hon. the Law Member in the proceedings of the Legislative Council."

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR:—"In view of the statement made by Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar, the then Law Member, on the 4th November—this is what he said: 'if Mr. Narayana Menon gives that undertaking to-day or if other friends on his behalf, in the manner which was suggested, give that undertaking, Government will sympathetically consider the question for release,—in view of that statement, may I know whether the Government is prepared to release Mr. Narayana Menon on the acceptance of the surety offered and if not, why not?'"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"I must ask for notice of that question, Sir."

## Education

### *Opening of a high school for girls in Bellary.*

\* 1710 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have decided to open a high school for girls in Bellary;

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(b) whether they have succeeded in obtaining a building for the same ; and

(c) how soon they expect to start the school ?

A.—(a) The question of converting the Government higher elementary school for girls, Bellary, into a middle school is under consideration.

(b) Yes. The school is proposed to be located in a rented building.

(c) The middle school may be opened in June next, if the necessary funds are voted by the Legislative Council.

*Location of the Government girls' school at Avanigadda.*

\* 1711 Q.—MR. V. RAMJEE RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Government girls' school at Avanigadda entrusted to the Bandar Taluk Board is located in a small house which is not even sufficient for fifty pupils as per the Education Rules, though the strength of the school is 125, and whether the fact was brought to the notice of the departmental head by the headmaster of the school and also by the Sub-Assistant Inspectress of Girls' Schools ; if so, on what date ;

(b) for how long the school has been in the same building ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to make necessary arrangements for its proper accommodation ?

A.—The Government have no information. A report will be called for.

*Admission of depressed class pupils in local board schools.*

\* 1712 Q.—MR. V. RAMJEE RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the names of taluk boards in each district of the Presidency which have refused admission to the depressed classes into their elementary schools ; and

(b) whether the Government will issue necessary orders directing the presidents of the local boards to throw open the schools for the admission of depressed classes ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the reviews by the Government of the reports received annually in regard to the steps taken for the admission of the depressed class pupils into public schools, which are placed on the Editors' table.

MR. V. RAMJEE RAO :—" With reference to the answer to (a), will the Government call for the information ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir. "

MR. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" Is the Government at least aware of the fact that some local board schools are not admitting depressed classes ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" A general Government Order was issued sometime ago that all schools, unless there is no difficulty about the location of the school, should admit pupils belonging to all classes. "